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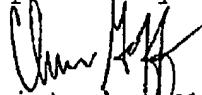
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 26, 2003, Applicants elect for examination claims 1-14 (Group I). Applicants therefore withdraw from consideration, without prejudice to their patentability, the claims of Group II (15-65). Applicants also expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application directed towards the non-elected claims in the future.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants believe that no election is required as the terms "first elastomeric substrate" and "second substrate" are only found in the non-elected claims of Group II (15-65). However, in the event that the Office deems an election is required, Applicants elect the necked-bonded laminate for the first elastomeric substrate, and the necked-bonded laminate for the second substrate. Applicants believe that all claims in Group I should be examined as the election of species requirement is directed only at claims in Group II.

Respectfully submitted,



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